PAGE 1/18 * RCVD AT 1/23/2004 5:51:08 PM [Eastern Standard Time] * SVR:USPTO-EFXRF-1/5 * DNIS:8729306 * CSID:2027220040 * DURATION (mm-ss):10-42

SCOTT & YALLERY-ARTHUR

7306 Georgia Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20012 (202) 882-5770

PIECEIVED

FEB 0 4 2004

2) 882-5770 OFFICE OF PETITIONS

Date Jan	uary 23, 2004 Page 1 of _		
SEND TO:	NAME: R. Chin		
	FIRM: Patents and Trademark Office		
	FAX: (703) 872-9306 PHONE: (703) 308	1613	
SENT BY:	NAME: Nigel L. Scott, Esquire S&Y-A FAX: (202) 722-0040		
SUBJECT:			
COMMEN	TS:OFF	CIA RECEI	
		AN 2 3	CENTER ZUL4
			and and
ORIGINAL WILL:	Follow Via Mail Follow Via Messenger Follow Via Overnight		
This fax is intended for the exinformation. If you are not the of this fax is strictly prohibite	cclusive use of the addressee named above, and may contain legally privileged and confidenti ne intended recipient of this fax, you are hereby notified that any dissemination, distribution, o d.	el r copytng	

If you received this fax in error, please notliy us immediately by telephone and return the original fax to us at the above address via

the United States Postal Service. We will reimburse any costs you incur in notifying us and returning the fax to us.

JAN-23-04 05:39 PM SCOTT&YALLERY-ARTHUR

	AMOUNT	25.2040
		BRANCH 15
SCOIL AND PALLERY - AKINGS		1208E
WASHIGTON, DC 20012		11000
202-882-5770		
FM has and 35	THE TAX PARTY PROPERTY OF THE	The second secon
DATE // TO THE ORDER OF		CHECK AMOUNT
Had Commissioner of the I		57 m
	SCOTT AND YALLERY ARTHUR	1
		To And O
RIGGS NATIONAL BANK OF WASHINGTON, O.C.	Mises	

#012086# #054000030# 1#113 94 1#

- а

0400227202

AN-23-04 05:48 PM SCOTT&YALLERY-ARTHU

PAGE 18/18 * RCVD AT 1/23/2004 5:51:08 PM [Eastern Standard Time] * SVR:USPTO-EFXRF-1/5 * DNIS:8729306 * CSID:2027220040 * DURATION (mm-ss):10-42

In re patent application of Edward T. Buford, III Serial No. 09/912,692 Filed: 7/26/2001

This acknowledges receipt of the following:

[X] First Amendment

Revised Drawing

[X] Fee in the amount of \$55.00 Check No. 12086

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the Applicant's Response to First Office
Action (First Amendment) was mailed to the United States Department of Commerce
Patents and Trademarks, Office Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks,
Washington, D.C. 20031 this 23rd day January, 2004.

Nigel L. Scott, Esquire

H:\...\nigel\iprop\buford\burford2.aml

PAGE 2/18 * RCVD AT 1/23/2004 5:51:08 PM [Eastern Standard Time] * SVR:USPTO-EFXRF-1/5 * DNIS:8729306 * CSID:2027220040 * DURATION (mm-55):10-42

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

#9

In re: Patent Application of Edward T. Buford, III

Serial No: 09/912,692

Filed: 7/26/2001

Commissioner of Patent and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20321

Group Art Unit: 3747

Examiner: R. Chin

RECEIVED

FEB 0 4 2004

OFFICE OF PETITIONS

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

JAN 2 3 2004

OFFICIAL

Please accept the Applicant's Response to First Office Action (First Amendment) along with

Request for Extension of Time and Check # 12086 for \$55.00 filing fee in the above action.

Respectfully Submitted,

NIGEL L. SCOTT, Esquire

Pat. Bar # 27,385

Attorney for Applicant

7306 Georgia Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20012-1617

(202) 882-5770

(202) 722-0040 Fax

HANIGEL Intellectual property BUFORD 09,912 Vetter. wpd

PAGE 3/18 * RCVD AT 1/23/2004 5:51:08 PM [Eastern Standard Time] * SVR:USPTO-EFXRF-1/5 * DNIS:8729306 * CSID:2027220040 * DURATION (mm-55):10-42

Accordingly it is respectfully requested that the Response to the First Office Action and Amendment to the Claims be accepted for filing.

Respectfully Submitted,

NIGEL L. SCOTT, Esquire

Pat. Bar # 27,385 Attorney for Applicant 7306 Georgia Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20012-1617

(202) 882-5770 (202) 722-0040 Fax

HANIGELAntellectual property/BUFORD\09.912/Request for Enlargement of Time.wpd

PAGE 5/18 * RCVD AT 1/23/2004 5:51:08 PM [Eastern Standard Time] * SVR:USPTO-EFXRF-115 * DNIS:8729306 * CSID:2027220040 * DURATION (mm-ss):10-42

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Patent Application of Edward T. Buford, III

Serial No: 09/912,692

Group Art Unit: 3747

Filed: 7/26/2001

Examiner: R. Chin

Commissioner of Patent and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20321

Sir:

RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION (FIRST AMENDMENT)

This is in response to the First Office Action mailed September 30, 2003 in respect of the above-identified patent application:

SPECIFICATION

Based upon the discussions between Applicant and counsel, the two drawings labeled "4A" and "5A" are now considered unnecessary for the allowance of the invention.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that drawings "4A" and "5A" be withdrawn.

Additionally, in light of the withdrawal of drawings "4A" and "5A" no changes will be made to the Specification.

CLAIMS

In the subject Office Action, claims 1-5 and claim 8 of the application have been rejected based upon claims 35 USC 112. Claims 1-5 have also been rejected based upon